Gypsy Markoff Amaya survived air crash in 1943 to become one of Puerto Rico's best-known psychics.

They predicted Ted Kennedy's troubles; the deaths of Ho Chi Minh and Eisenhower; quakes, murders and assorted disasters.

SCORING the SEERS in 1969

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ONCE AGAIN it is time to compile the annual hits and misses of those seers who have made public their predictions for 1969.

To reiterate our "rules" for this evaluation, we include only those prognostications that appeared in print well in advance of the predicted event or were mailed to us prior to the foreseen occurrences.

We recognize that because this must be written three months before the end of the year some "misses" yet may become "hits" and we will do our best to note these in a follow-up in the spring.

This year we asked the seers themselves to provide newspaper clippings substantiating their hits. Those contemporary prophets who did not do their homework either will have to accept our analyses or submit their corrections with corroborating evidence.

We do, of course, recognize the great problem of translating Time,

which must exist as some kind of "Eternal Now" on the transcendent level of a seer's mind, to an exact date on the physical Time-Space continuum. An event predicted for "late 1969" might well become a reality early in 1970 or late 1971. It may be, judged by some great Universal Cosmic Clock, that to miss a prediction by a year or so is to be off but a few seconds of the great Clock's time. But we must judge our seers by the Time that we understand and it does appear some of our psychics had a very good year.

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FEW SEERS issue as many predictions as does Chicago's Irene Hughes. Mrs. Hughes' weekly columns, although seldom composed wholly of predictions, must contain at least a few prognostications each week in order to satisfy the readers who want to share her glimpses of the future. Last year, among her many hits, the seeress tuned in on Sen. Robert Kennedy's assassination, Jacqueline Kennedy's remarriage and the victory of the New York Jets in the Super Bowl. It appears 1969 also has been an accurate year for Mrs. Hughes.

She predicted De Gaulle would retire by the end of 1969, Ireland would be rocked by civil unrest, a top-level Washington figure would die between July and the end of September (Senator Dirksen).

On June 9 she predicted that Sen. Edward Kennedy would be involved in an accident on or near water and that his companion probably would be killed.

She foresaw the death of North Viet Nam's Ho Chi Minh by the last week in August. The premier's passing was announced the first week in September.

Other hits include: border strife between Red China and Russia; devastating floods in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Texas and Florida; stock market drop at the end of March; major crackdown on organized crime; the April death of a former high government official (President Eisenhower); tidal waves in Japan; a flu epidemic early in 1969.

Among Mrs. Hughes' "misses" was her prediction that the moon shot would be clouded by tragedy. She never was happier to have been wrong, she stated later. She also missed with her prophecy that the Cubs would cop the World Series.

She foresaw the continuing acts of aggression and hostility between the nations in the Mid-East, the increase in deep-sea exploration and the new vacation packages being introduced by railway companies in the southwest.

Yet to be realized are her predictions that there will be no major depression until 1976, that an unsatis-

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factory type of peace will be attained in Vietnam early in 1970, that another submarine will disappear before the end of 1969.

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In her annual predictions published in January, 1969, Jeane Dixon issued a number of prognostications that were more philosophical than pragmatic, more long-range than one-year-easy-to-score forecasts. For example, her "President Nixon will do more to advance the progress of Negroes than any other man in the last 100 years," is impossible to assess at this time.

In the same vein, her "one leader — I do not get his name" who will loom up in the State Department and achieve a tremendous triumph for our country, might be any number of hard-working officials (and we sincerely hope that someone fits this description!).

Mrs. Dixon's prediction that "Governor Reagan will continue to have trouble with riotous activities," but will overcome them because he is "good for our country and in harmony with God's law" must do wonders for the politician's ego, but fails to materialize as either a hit or miss for our seers' scoreboard.

On the other hand, the "great future," Mrs. Dixon foresaw for Sen. Edward Kennedy seems, tragically, to have gone over the bridge along with the senator's automobile on that night in July. "His impatience is not in his own best interests," may be an admonition from the seeress of Washington that was not heeded.

Her prediction that "the U.S.S.R. will come up with spectacular space accomplishments in the year 1969," appears to have been a hit but the cosmonauts will find it difficult to top our astronauts' moon landing in the three months which remain of this year.

No one can decry the impressive sibyline accomplishments of Mrs. Dixon in past years, but such "predictions" as " . . . Religion will play a big part in his (Gov. George Romney's) life, and I see he will leave a large inheritance to philanthropic and charitable causes . . ." are beyond our ability to assess, at least at this time.

Such general personality evaluations as "Aristotle Onassis has vibrations similar to Pierre Dupont's with a natural magnetic personality . . . he loves art, literature, seeks inventions out of the ordinary, loves the theater and all beautiful things," which comprise fully a third of Mrs. Dixon's "predictions" are really not predictions at all, but rather, some kind of psychical character sketch.

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John Pendragon, the noted British seer, is difficult to fully assess on this scorecard because his last year's published predictions were more in the nature of long-range warnings for specific nations.

Among his hits, however, were the violent disturbances in Northern Ireland, domestic strife in Italy, a new duchy of Cornwall, developing public antagonism toward the Snowdons, and the ominous fact that the Berlin Wall is to stand for the foreseeable future.

Pendragon's predictions that have not yet come off are a "great fire" at a California film studio, "a scandal involving the Roman Catholic Church" exposed in a large city in Oklahoma, the tragic death of a famous female singer in Arkansas, or "a terrible series of child murders" in Mississippi.

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Canadian seeress Malva Dee accurately foresaw the increased immigration of young men to Canada in an effort to avoid the United States draft, a growing rift between Red China and Russia and the defeat of Pres. Charles de Gaulle.

The seeress from Ontario's "En-

chanted Acres" foresaw a continuance of bitter fighting in Vietnam despite the peace talks and no G.I. in the rice paddies could dispute this unfortunate prediction.

One hopes her prognostication that a synthetic rice which will prove to be "a boon for the Eastern world" soon will come to pass.

Her vision of an attempted kidnaping of a high-ranking government official which would cause international strife apparently was realized in the Middle East when terrorists sought to hijack an airplane on which an Israeli diplomat was traveling. A confusion in plans led them to try to hijack the wrong plane, however.

Malva Dee was one of the few seers who sought to pacify Californians about the danger of their state sinking into the ocean in 1969. She stated that such a disaster was not on her "screen" for the near future.

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Dorothy Spence Lauer, California psychometrist and seer, tuned in on the increasing antagonisms of our youth toward the draft and the war in Vietnam, the rise in the incidence of veneral disease among teen-agers, and the dramatic changes involving a large number of long-established saints within the Roman Catholic Church.

Although, as Mrs. Lauer foresaw, men's powdered wigs were being pushed by some way-out fashion-makers, American men did not seem interested in either the wigs or the skirts which avant-garde designers tried to foist upon them.

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In his list of published predictions Joseph W. Donnelly of Sebring, Fla., foresaw an uneasy stalemate "in the same fashion that the Korean War was ended" for Vietnam. It may well be that such a termination of hostilities is in store for Vietnam but thus far lengthy peace talks continue.

Donnelly's prediction that "some

Irene Hughes, Chicago, prolific with prognostications, makes many "hits."

of the world's most wealthy men" will die in 1969 and '70 has not yet come to pass, nor have the tidal waves he foresaw — for South and Central America, the western coasts of Mexico and the United States, Canada, Alaska, Japan, Hawaii, and other parts of the world — yet materialized.

Donnelly's warnings that high medical costs and increased drug prices would be investigated is a hit, however, as increased public concern is forcing government committees to look into such grievances.

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Ruth Zimmerman, a medium from Monee, Ill., did not publish her predictions but they were given in trance on January 1, 1969, and recorded by six people who have affixed their signatures as witnesses.

Mrs. Zimmerman foresaw an illness for Senator Symington, the deaths by plane crash of prominent people in Washington, D.C., and a dramatic rescue at the North or

South Pole. These predictions have not yet been realized and of course may not take place for many years — if at all. Other predictions that seem to be misses at this particular moment are Gov. Nelson Rockefeller becoming a father again, an assassination attempt on the life of Gamel Nasser, and danger to an astronaut whose name begins with an "A." (We sincerely hope that astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin managed to permanently shake any jinx that might have become affixed to them!)

The medium scored on a fire aboard ship, domestic difficulties between Richard Burton and Liz Taylor, and perfections in snow-moving equipment.

She predicted: "This is not a very good year for President Eisenhower, especially late spring or early summer." The much beloved former president did, of course, pass away in April. Mrs. Zimmerman also foresaw "another hospital stay" for Senator Dirksen, which was an accurate, albeit unfortunate hit, but she did not seem to sense his subsequent death after surgery.

Together with other seers, Mrs. Zimmerman seems to have believed the Russians would achieve a "first" in space. She added, however, "I hope they don't beat us to a moon landing."

Warnings to George Sanders, the actor, and "a car racer named Bettenhauser" to be wary of their health is still in effect, as is Mrs. Zimmerman's prediction that there will be an accident "involving a tanker of some sort in New York."

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Joseph DeLouise, who must grow weary of being called a "psychic hairdresser," does, however, maintain a shop in downtown Chicago. In addition to handling the scissors deftly, DeLouise has been in the news in 1969 with some impressive hits.

On November 15, 1968, he predicted a serious train accident on the Illinois Central Railroad to occur early in 1969. On January 17, the *Chicago Daily News* headlined the story of the passenger train that crashed head-on into a freight train, killing three crewmen and injuring 49 passengers.

In his first-of-the-year predictions, DeLouise envisioned "a tragedy involving the Kennedys around water." It appears he foresaw Ted Kennedy's unfortunate plunge off the bridge in July.

In company with all the seers, DeLouise saw continued strife on college campuses. He added, however, that over 200 ringleaders of civil disorder would be arrested. Since then it has been reported that 227 troublemakers were arrested at Purdue.

The Chicago seer visualized a "rough year" for Elizabeth Taylor. Although the star did not retire from the movies and her marriage did not break up, as the mystic foresaw, she did suffer the predicted abdominal illness and her husband, Richard Burton, according to the gossip columnists, did give her cause for domestic concern.

Other hits include his foreseeing the death of Ho Chi Minh, the racial disturbances on the anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, hurricane Camille, and birth control pills making controversial medical headlines.

A recent DeLouise hit was his prediction of a midair jetliner crash near Indianapolis. This prognostication was made over radio shortly before the event, which took place September 10. According to program hosts, DeLouise provided such details as the number of passengers killed, the flight number and the time the accident would occur.

At this writing DeLouise has missed on his predictions that Ex-Premier Sukarno of Indonesia will be

assassinated, that Johnny Carson's contract with NBC will not be renewed, that the Roman Catholic Church will announce a new method of birth control acceptable to the Papacy. He seems to have rushed the stork a bit when he predicted that Jackie Kennedy Onassis would produce a son for Aristotle during 1969, but certain European newspapers have hinted that Mrs. O. may be pregnant.

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On January 5, 1969, psychic Teddy O'Hearn of Chicago received a number of predictions for the new year while in meditation. These glimpses of a possible future were sent at once to the editorial offices of FATE with a duplicate copy later arriving at my desk. Teddy is a seer, who, like Irene Hughes and Paul Twitchell, watches the news media carefully for substantiation of her predictions.

Her prevision of trouble in Great Britain because of home rule dissidents has been realized fully in Ireland, Scotland and Wales. France has maintained the value of the franc for the present but as the medium foresaw it appears the franc may topple soon and she correctly envisioned De Gaulle's retirement in 1969.

Another solid hit was her glimpse of earth tremors in Turkey (several Turks were killed in violent earthquakes in March) and the continuing political turmoil in that same land. Mrs. O'Hearn was another who foresaw the continued strife between the Egyptians and the Israelis but a prediction not realized is her vision of the ousting of Nasser.

The medium also received an impression of the federal crackdown on narcotics, which is currently receiving a great deal of press coverage and comment. She foresaw news of two cancer cures, which already may be well along in the testing stages. (*Chicago Tribune*, January 19, "Reports New Treatment for Cancer Tissue," April 1, "Skin Cancer Treatment Told;" *Chicago Daily News*, April 2, "Patients Cooked in Cancer Study.")

Chicago hairdresser Joseph DeLouise handles crystal ball as deftly as scissors, enjoys success with both.

On March 11, Teddy O'Hearn received the message that an epidemic of terrible proportions was attacking the cattle of the southwest and the midwest. Although there has been no official announcement of such a cattle disease, the medium feels convinced that such unsettling news will soon be made public.

While certain seers were warning that California would slide into the ocean Mrs. O'Hearn received the impression that inserting some kind of liquid substance into the cracks and fissures along the fault line might alleviate the earth pressures. News media carried stories of such a plan and such a liquid substance, which must have been designed by someone who did not care to see his California real estate sink into the Pacific.

A prediction with a five-year dead-

line, according to Mrs. O'Hearn, is the waning of power for all "Syndicate" leaders. The powerful voting block of our youth, the seeress declares, will help put an end to the Mafia, the Cosa Nostra, and other entrepeneurs of organized crime.

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Gypsy Markoff Amaya survived the 1943 Lisbon Clipper crash during World War II in which 24 of 39 entertainers aboard were killed. She underwent 30 operations in seven years, made a show business comeback and today is one of Puerto Rico's well-known psychics.

She correctly foresaw a dip for the stock market and increased trouble and strife on our college campuses. At this time she seems to have missed in predicting Franco's restoration of the Spanish monarchy.

Her "spectacular space achievements" certainly came to pass, although one wishes she had specified the moon shot to qualify for a firmer hit. Mrs. Amaya's statement that the Cuban people are restless under Castro seems substantiated by rumors and reports from that island country but we must wait to see if her prediction that Castro will be out at the end of 1970 comes to pass.

The seeress' prediction that the Supreme Court would be in the news was realized in the Fortas controversy and her "death of a prominent person" that would "sadden the nation" during the month of May can be considered a nearly-solid hit foreshadowing Eisenhower's passing.

Thrice in her predictions, published January 5, 1969, she cautioned President Nixon to be concerned about his health. No public statements have been released from the White House to indicate the President is unwell.

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On February 10, 1969, Rev. A. William Goetz of the National Christian Spiritual Mission in Houston, Tex., received a good many predictions while in trance. His prognostications are divided for each country and many are quite general in nature. If we look only at the predictions given for the United States, we may note some interesting items.

"Congress will lose some of its ablest leaders by death this year" — may refer to Senator Dirksen and suggest the imminent passing of others. One wishes that prediction had been as specific as The Reverend Goetz's forecast of the passing of a former president, "before Resurrection Day."

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Paul Twitchell, who claims to receive his predictions via the ECK-Vidya method espoused by his Eckankar movement, is another seer who has had a good year as a prophet.

Twitchell's predictions appeared in a national magazine and accurately mentioned the death of Ho Chi Minh, an earthquake that would shake the far north, the fanned sparks of the Arab-Israeli war, Jackie Kennedy's marriage and the discovery of new iron ore lodes in western Australia.

Twitchell also saw a continuation of the schism in the orthodox churches and the ever-widening cracks in the Soviet empire which began with Czechoslovakia. He missed, along with Joseph DeLouise, when he saw Johnny Carson battling with his bosses at NBC over a new contract.

The leading exponent of the ancient philosophy predicted that the assassination of Martin Luther King would be revealed as part of a red-inspired plot to create a wider division between Black and White. Although such a prediction has not been officially recognized, the September issue of *Saga* magazine did carry an article purporting to give documented evidence that James Earl Ray's murder of King was not a one-man job.

Twitchell saw Castro out of power in Cuba by 1969, which, at this writing, must be marked a miss. He did hit the riots and disturbances in Pakistan but missed again on a Nationalist Chinese invasion of the mainland.

Again on the credit side, Twitchell predicted the earthquakes on the Japanese islands of Honshu and Hokkaido, the resurrection of the Nazi party in Germany, and the current reaction against nudity and public exhibitions of hedonism.

When he predicted investigations into the gambling activities surrounding professional football Twitchell appears to have foreseen Joe Namath's woes with his Bachelors Three nightclub and the heavy rumors of underworld chums. Namath publicly pulled out of the imbroglio but a renewed national scrutiny is fixed on this fastest-growing national pro sport.

Sammy Davis has not yet remarried in 1969 as Twitchell said he would but according to the gossip columnists the energetic entertainer is trying his best to comply with this prediction. Fortunately, Twitchell's prediction that city police departments across the nation would receive increased public support is another prophecy that the man-in-the-street seems to be working to fulfill.

Paul Twitchell achieves many hits with method he calls "Eck-Vidya."

THE UBIQUITOUS SEVEN

ANYONE WHO believes his lucky number is seven should have gone to the races in Arlington Park near Chicago on July 7, 1969.

On the seventh day of the seventh month, post position No. 6 in the seventh race was held by *Hard Bed,* a seven-letter name. Did *Hard Bed* win and pay seven to one or did he come seventh? Neither. His owner decided not to run him so he was scratched.

The persistent numerology fan should have bet number seven anyway, for *Wend Your Way* took that position and of course he won, paying $9.40 for a $2.00 bet, a profit of just over $7.00.

Enough? Not quite. Jockey Marquez (another seven-letter name) rode *Wend Your Way.* To the delight of less-daring bettors who figured the horse to come in second or third, the track had to pay $4.00 to place and $3.00 to show.